the Karuvannur Flood prevention works, now under progress, and see whether this work is actually necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— From the answer it would seem that this Kalithodu is intended for the prevention of flood. Is it not useful for the Mundakan cultivation? Does it not pass through large areas where Mundakan is cultivated ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— When we investigated this question of improvement of Kalithodu it was p imarily for the purpose of relief from floods in that area. In that connection we thought that instead of improving the thodu it is better to watch the effects of the flood prevention works. The member now raises the question of improving this thodu for the purpose of irrigation. That has not been investigated by the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Will the Government consider this point also ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— Yes.

Batta—Village Officers.

10. Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are not Village Officers given batta;

(2) if so, why not;

(3) are not officers in other departments of similar grade and work given batta?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(1) Not always, but under certain conditions as stated in the rule (306 C. S. R.) appended. *(Vide Appendix I).*

(2) The reason is given in the rule appended.

(3) Not all; for instance:

(i) Excise peons and Petty Officers (with some exceptions).
(ii) Forest Guards do.
(iii) Anchal Officers do.
(iv) Process Establishment.
(v) All Head constables and constables, etc.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— With regard to subdivision 3 (1), what are the exceptions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— They are in the rules itself.

Appointment—Sarvadhikariakkar.

11. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the qualifications of the acting Sarvadhikariakkar Mr. T. P. Ananthanarayana Ayyar;

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